

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND IRRIGATION

Call to Order: Chairman Donald J. Steinbeisser, on February 12, 2009 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 335 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Donald J. Steinbeisser, Chairman (R)
Sen. Terry Murphy, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Gary Branae (D)
Sen. Ken (Kim) Hansen (D)
Sen. Verdell Jackson (R)
Sen. Cliff Larsen (D)

Members Excused:

Sen. Taylor Brown (R)
Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D)
Sen. Rick Ripley (R)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Joan Linkenbach, Committee Secretary
Sue O'Connell, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 300, 1/27/2009; SB 322,
1/31/2009

Executive Action: SB 232; SB 38

00:02:03 Vice Chairman Murphy takes the chair.

HEARING ON SB 300

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:07 Sen. Donald Steinbeisser (R), SD 19, opened the hearing on SB 300, Increase fertilizer fee check off to fund research and education.

00:02:10 Sen. Ripley is now present.

00:02:11 Sen. Brown is now present.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:10 John Lammers, Owner, Lammers Feed and Seed (LFS);
Member of the Fertilizer Advisory Committee (FAC)

EXHIBIT (ags33a01)

00:08:11 Jeff Farkell, Central Crop Consulting Firm; Certified Crop Advisor; Member of Fertilizer Advisory Committee; Montana Agricultural Business Association

EXHIBIT (ags33a02)

00:08:47 Sen. Hamlett is now present.

00:11:15 Don Steinbeisser, Jr., farmer/rancher; Fertilizer Advisory Committee member; President of Richland County Farm Bureau; Montana Farm Bureau Federation

00:12:44 John Semple, Montana Grain Growers Association

00:13:06 Cathy Conover, Montana State University; representing Jeff Jacobsen, Dean of the College of Agriculture and Director of the Montana Agriculture Experiment Station

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:15:11 Sen. Hansen

00:16:19 Sen. Steinbeisser

00:16:29 Pam Langley, Executive Director, Montana Agriculture Business Association, (MABA)

00:17:22 Sen. Hansen

00:17:57 Mr. Lammers, LFS, FAC

00:19:02 Sen. Hansen

00:19:07 Mr. Lammers, LFS, FAC

00:19:32 Andy Gray, Montana Department of Agriculture; Bureau Chief of the Commodities Services Bureau

Closing by Sponsor:

00:20:58 Sen. Steinbeisser
00:24:00 Sen. Steinbeisser resumes chair

HEARING ON SB 322

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:24:57 Sen. Aubyn Curtiss (R), SD 1, opened the hearing on SB
322, Revise apiary laws.

EXHIBIT(ags33a03)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:28:08 Donna Rise, Pest Management Bureau Chief, Montana
Department of Agriculture

EXHIBIT(ags33a04)

00:30:06 Jim Rodenberg, Commercial Bee Keeper
00:35:20 James Rehm, Owner, Operator Smoot Honey Company; Past
President Montana State Bee Keeper Association
00:35:57 Marshall Wade Anderson
00:36:21 Susan Good Geise
00:36:41 Jerry Bromenshenk, Owner, CEO and President, Bee Alert
Technology, Inc.; Member National Honey Bee Colony
Collapse Working Group

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony:

00:42:50 Greg Hinkle, Senate District 7

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:44:04 Sen. Hansen
00:44:49 Mr. Rodenberg
00:45:02 Sen. Hansen
00:45:21 Mr. Rodenberg
00:45:59 Sen. Ripley
00:46:40 Sen. Curtiss
00:46:51 Patricia Denke, Chief Apiary Inspector of Montana
00:47:52 Sen. Ripley
00:48:17 Mr. Rodenberg
00:48:50 Sen. Brown
00:49:11 Sen. Curtiss
00:49:55 Sen. Brown
00:50:21 Sen. Curtiss

EXHIBIT(ags33a05)

00:52:19 Sen. Jackson
00:53:49 Mr. Bromenshenk
00:53:57 Ms. Denke
00:55:11 Sen. Jackson
00:55:21 Ms. Denke
00:57:01 Sen. Jackson
00:57:30 Ms. Denke
00:58:34 Sen. Jackson
00:58:58 Ms. Denke
00:59:59 Sen. Jackson
01:00:28 Ms. Denke
01:01:01 Sen. Larsen left the room.
01:01:29 Sen. Hansen
01:02:06 Ms. Denke
01:03:51 Chairman Steinbeisser
01:04:06 Mr. Rodenberg
01:04:30 Chairman Steinbeisser
01:04:36 Mr. Rodenberg
01:04:56 Sen. Hamlett
01:05:15 Mr. Bromenshenk
01:05:58 Sen. Hamlett
01:06:03 Mr. Bromenshenk
01:06:22 Sen. Hamlett
01:06:41 Mr. Bromenshenk
01:07:32 Sen. Hamlett
01:07:55 Mr. Bromenshenk
01:11:17 Sen. Jackson
01:11:55 Mr. Bromenshenk
01:12:21 Sen. Larsen now present
01:12:51 Sen. Jackson
01:13:06 Mr. Bromenshenk

Closing by Sponsor:

01:15:09 Sen. Curtiss
01:16:37 Chairman Steinbeisser

01:17:18 Recess
01:18:47 Reconvened

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 232

01:19:03 **Motion:** Sen. Hansen moved that **SB 232 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:19:20 Sen. Murphy

01:19:42 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Sen. Murphy made a substitute motion that **SB 232 BE TABLED**. Motion carried 6-3 by voice vote with Sen. Hansen, Sen. Larsen, and Sen. Branae voting no.

Further Discussion on SB 232:

01:20:39 Sen. Hamlett
01:21:25 Sen. Larsen
01:21:46 Sen. Jackson
01:22:00 Chairman Steinbeisser

Discussion on SB 38:

(Previous committee action on January 29, 2009)

01:22:21 Sen. Brown
01:22:44 Chairman Steinbeisser
01:22:56 Sen. Hansen
01:23:14 Sue O'Connell, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
01:23:26 Sen. Larsen
01:23:33 Sue O'Connell, LSD
01:23:57 Sen. Larsen
01:24:05 Sue O'Connell, LSD
01:24:23 Sen. Brown
01:24:42 Sen. Jackson
01:28:08 Sen. Hansen
01:28:34 Sen. Brown
01:28:41 Sen. Hansen
01:29:20 Chairman Steinbeisser
01:29:55 Sen. Larsen
01:31:18 Sen. Murphy

01:32:14 **Motion:** Sen. Hansen moved to **RECONSIDER PREVIOUS ACTION** on **SB 38** to reverse the vote and table the bill.

Discussion:

01:32:45 Sue O'Connell, LSD

01:33:52 Sen. Hansen withdrew the motion.

01:32:59 Sen. Ripley
01:33:29 Sen. Brown
01:33:48 Sen. Jackson
01:34:19 Chairman Steinbeisser
01:34:26 Sen. Hamlett
01:35:21 Sen. Murphy
01:35:48 Sen. Jackson
01:35:54 Sen. Branae
01:36:23 Sen. Brown
01:37:25 Chairman Steinbeisser

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:30 P.M.

Joan Linkenbach, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([ags33aad.pdf](#))